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Mr. Larry J. Ortega, Sr.
601 South Brand Boulevard, Suite 102
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Dear Mr. Ortega:

The Office of Federal Acknowledgment (OFA), within the Office of the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs (AS-IA) of the Department of the Interior (Department), is sending this letter to the group known as “Fernandeño Tataviam Band of Mission Indians” (Petitioner #158), giving notice that OFA is ready to place Petitioner #158 on active consideration. The start date selected for active consideration is May 10, 2015.

Moreover, this letter is sixty (60) days’ notice prior to the start date requested by the petitioner. Petitioner #158 stated in a letter dated July 29, 2013 that it wanted 60 days so that “upon receipt of such notice, the Band will decide whether to suspend OFA’s review of its petition.” Please notify OFA if it should proceed with active consideration under the current regulations or suspend the petition until the new regulations (the proposed rule to 25 Part CFR 83) take effect.

A three-member team of OFA researchers will begin active consideration of Petitioner #158 on May 10, 2015. The OFA researchers assigned to the petition are: Dr. Wendi-Star Brown, Cultural Anthropologist; Dr. Mark A. Nicholas, Historian and Dr. Janet Earle, Genealogical Researcher.

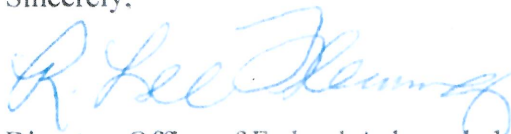
The Department’s notice published in the Federal Register (70 FR 16514, March 21, 2005) allows petitioners and third parties 60 days at the beginning of active consideration in which to submit additional material to be considered for the proposed finding. At this time, OFA requests that Petitioner #158 submit an updated and certified membership list to OFA for the file on record. For Petitioner #158, this period to submit material begins on May 10, 2015, and ends on July 9, 2015.

To promote timeliness and transparency, we encourage the petitioner “to provide a copy of the non-privacy materials of [any of its] . . . submissions to the Department directly to the State [of California] Attorney General’s Office” and to the other interested parties, and that all third parties “provide a copy of their submissions to the Department directly to the petitioner [Fernandeño Tataviam Band of Mission Indians], the State Attorney General’s Office” and to the other interested parties (70 FR 16516).

Please find the most current contact sheet enclosed regarding Petitioner #158. If you have any questions concerning the Federal acknowledgement process, please write the Office of the

Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs, Office of Federal Acknowledgment, 1951 Constitution Avenue N.W., MS-34B SIB, Washington, D.C. 20240 or call (202) 513-7650.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. Lee Fleming".

Director, Office of Federal Acknowledgement

Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Edmund G. Brown Jr.
The Honorable Kamala D. Harris

Fernandeno/Tataviam Tribe, Petitioner #158
Petitioner, Interested Parties, Informed Parties, and other
(as of 3/10/2015)

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